# Test Definition: ETGSR

Ethyl Glucuronide Screen with Reflex, Random, Urine

## Overview

### Useful For

Screening for drug abuse involving alcohol

### Reflex Tests

| Test Id | Reporting Name | Available Separately | Always Performed |
|---|---|---|---|
| ETGC | Ethyl Glucuronide Confirmation, U | Yes | No |

### Testing Algorithm

Testing begins with a screening assay. If the screen is positive, then the liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry confirmation with quantification will be performed at an additional charge.

### Method Name

Only orderable as part of profile. For more information see CSMEU / Controlled Substance Monitoring Enhanced Profile with Reflex, 21 Drug Classes, High Resolution Mass Spectrometry and Immunoassay Screen, Random, Urine.

Immunoassay

### NY State Available

Yes

## Specimen

### Specimen Type

Urine

### Specimen Required

Only orderable as part of profile. For more information see CSMEU / Controlled Substance Monitoring Enhanced Profile with Reflex, 21 Drug Classes, High Resolution Mass Spectrometry and Immunoassay Screen, Random, Urine.

**Container/Tube:** Plastic, 60-mL urine bottle
**Specimen Volume:** 5 mL
**Collection Instructions:**
1. Collect a random urine specimen.
2. No preservative.

### Specimen Minimum Volume

2.5 mL

### Reject Due To

All specimens will be evaluated at Mayo Clinic Laboratories for test suitability.

### Specimen Stability Information

| Specimen Type | Temperature | Time | Special Container |
|---|---|---|---|
| Urine | Refrigerated (preferred) | 28 days | |
| | Ambient | 28 days | |
| | Frozen | 28 days | |

## Clinical & Interpretive

### Clinical Information

This test uses immunoassay reagents designed to produce a negative result when no drugs are present in a natural (ie, unadulterated) urine specimen; the assay is designed to have a high true-negative rate. Like all immunoassays, it can have a false-positive rate due to cross-reactivity with natural chemicals and drugs other than those they were designed to detect. The immunoassay also has a false-negative rate to the antibody's ability to cross-react with different drugs in the class being screened.

Ethyl glucuronide is a direct metabolite of ethanol formed by enzymatic conjugation of ethanol with glucuronic acid. Alcohol in urine is normally detected for only a few hours, whereas ethyl glucuronide can be detected in the urine for 1 to 3 days.

### Reference Values

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Negative

Screening cutoff concentration:
Ethyl glucuronide: 500 ng/mL

### Interpretation

This assay only provides a preliminary analytical test result. A more specific alternative method (ie, liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry) must be used to obtain a confirmed analytical result. A positive result using the ethyl glucuronide screen indicates only the potential presence of ethyl glucuronide and does not necessarily correlate with the extent of physiological and psychological effects.

### Cautions

Care should be taken when interpreting results since there are many factors (eg, fluid intake and other biologic factors) that may influence a urine test result. It is possible that substances other than those investigated in the specificity study

may interfere with the test and cause false-positive or negative results.

### Clinical Reference

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## Performance

### Method Description

This assay is a homogeneous enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay technique. The assay will be performed semiquantitatively. The assay is based on competition between free drug in the urine sample, and a drug labeled with the enzyme glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase for a fixed amount of specific antibody binding sites. Active enzyme converts nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD[+]) to NADH, which results in an absorbance change that can be measured spectrophotometrically at 340 nm.(Package insert: ETG. Immunalysis; 04/2019)

### PDF Report

No

### Day(s) Performed

Monday through Saturday

### Report Available

Same/1 to 2 days

### Specimen Retention Time

14 days

### Performing Laboratory Location

Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Superior Drive

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## Fees & Codes

### Fees

- Authorized users can sign in to Test Prices for detailed fee information.
- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact Customer Service 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their account representative. For assistance, contact Customer Service.

### Test Classification

This test was developed and its performance characteristics determined by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements. It has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

### CPT Code Information

80307

### LOINC® Information

| Test ID | Test Order Name | Order LOINC® Value |
|---|---|---|
| ETGSR | Ethyl Glucuronide Scrn w/Reflex, U | 58375-7 |

| Result ID | Test Result Name | Result LOINC® Value |
|---|---|---|
| 616033 | Ethyl Glucuronide Screen, U | 58375-7 |